

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended herein. Claims 19-20 are canceled herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Claims 19 and 20 are canceled herein as being directed to an unelected invention. Applicant may file a divisional application at a later date.

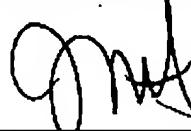
Claims 1-10 and 13-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nowad (U.S. Patent No. 6,610,567). In addition, claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Nowad in view of Fried et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,583,469). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim 1, as amended, specifically requires providing at least one original fin made of a single crystalline semiconductor material and forming a source/drain region in each transistor fin from the respective two head ends respectively. Applicant respectfully submits the references of record do not teach or suggest the limitations of claim 1. For example, the Office Action points to an original fin 56. It is respectfully submitted, however, that element 56 is a gate as defined by the Nowad reference. See col. 3, line 36. This weak gate 56 is not made of single crystalline semiconductor material and does not have a source/drain formed therein. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the references of record.

Claims 2-18 depend from claim 1 and add further limitations, it is respectfully submitted that each of these claims is allowable for reason of depending from an allowable claim as well as for adding additional limitations.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Ira S. Matsil, Applicant's attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,



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